Mountain Weather Forecast

Lake District National Park

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 26 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Saturday 27 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Thursday 25 Mar 2021 at 17:02

Confidence: High for a couple of cold wintry days Friday and Saturday and then a return to milder conditions but lower for details regarding timing of more persistent rain and snow, especially with regard to position of slow moving band of rain Monday and Tuesday.

Headline for Friday 26 Mar 2021: Morning rain and snow giving way to sunny spells and blustery snow showers.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 26 Mar 2021

Blizzards Low Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** Low Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Medium Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** Low Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Heavy rain showers (night)	Sleet	Heavy snow	Sunny intervals	Light snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
10%	40%	70%	80%	20%	40%	40%	60%

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Weather: Some clear spells and showers at first, the showers merging into a longer spell of rain and, increasingly above 750m, snow. Then a cloudy start to the day with occasionally heavy snow, falling mainly as rain below above 500m, with a risk of blizzard conditions over higher fells, but becoming drier and brighter from the northwest through the late morning. The afternoon then sees a mix of sunny spells and blustery snow showers, these becoming more frequent and heavier, with a risk of thunder, through the late afternoon and evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Little chance until late morning then around 75%, chances fall to around 40% again in late afternoon and evening.

Visibility: Periods or persistent cloud above 450-600m with patches below at first becoming more occasional above 750m by late morning, cloud becomes occasional or periods above 600m from late afternoon. Away from cloud, visibility very good or excellent falling to several kilometres in rain and lighter snow showers and a kilometre or less in heavier snow and near zero in blizzards.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
900	49/61 SW	51/64 S	45/57 SW	30/40 SW	28/38 SW	29/40 SW	28/37 SW	25/32 SW	29/38 W
600	41/55 SW	42/57 S	37/51 SW	26/35 SW	25/36 SW	26/38 SW	23/33 SW	20/28 SW	23/33 W
300	17/41 SW	17/43 S	15/39 SW	12/29 SW	13/30 SW	13/30 SW	11/25 SW	9/22 SW	11/26 W
Valley	16/38 SW	17/40 S	14/35 SW	13/28 W	14/28 SW	14/28 SW	11/23 SW	9/20 SW	12/26 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
900	2/-7	2/-8	1/-8	-1/-9	-2/-10	-2/-10	-2/-11	-3/-11	-4/-12
600	4/-4	4/-4	3/-4	1/-6	1/-6	1/-7	0/-7	-1/-7	-1/-8
300	6/1	6/1	5/1	4/-0	5/1	4/-0	3/-1	2/-2	1/-3
Valley	8/4	8/4	7/3	6/2	7/3	6/2	5/1	4/1	4/-0
Freezing Level*	1100m	1100m	1100m	700m	500m	500m	500m	500m	400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Gusts 50mph or more until mid-morning and then around 50mph over ridges and summits in or near showers.

Forecast for Saturday 27 Mar 2021

Weather: Occasional snow showers soon die out on Saturday morning to leave middle part of the day largely dry with sunny spells. However increasing cloud will bring outbreaks of occasionally heavy snow, with blizzard conditions over higher fells, east through the late afternoon and evening, the snow turning increasingly to rain below 750m.

Maximum wind: Westerly 25-30mph, gusts around 50mph over ridges and summits especially near showers, decreasing 20mph through the morning then backing more southerly in afternoon before increasing 30-35mph in evening with gusts close to 60mph over ridges and summits.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Around 75% at first rising close to 90% by midday, chances then falling close to zero from late afternoon.

Visibility: Occasional cloud above 750m becoming just small amounts below summits by midday, lowering and thickening to become periods or persistent cloud above 450m by late afternoon. Away from cloud visibility very good falling to just a few kilometres in snow showers and heavier rain and a kilometre or less in heavier snow and near zero in blizzards over higher fells.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Around plus 1 Celsius at dawn rising to plus 8 Celsius by day.
At 800m: Around minus 3 Celsius rising to plus 1 Celsius by early afternoon.
Freezing level: Falling to around 300m through early hours, then rising to 900m during the afternoon.

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Ground Conditions Supplement
Thursday 25 March 2021 Location: Blencathra (Halls Fell Top) at 11:11 Full report: We are continuing to provide the Fell Top Reports for people undertaking their daily local exercise during the lockdown. We would like to remind everyone that Government guidance stipulates that people should only exercise locally, not leaving the village, town or city where they live. Here is today's report: A wet and windy day with persistent showers falling as sleet over high ground. The fells are more or less clear of snow, with just a few isolated patches to be found around north and east-facing corrie rims on Helvellyn. A couple of small areas were encountered today descending off the top of Hall's Fell which are easy to avoid. The remaining snow is continuing to thaw albeit slowly, and it is generally compact, especially where it has been compressed by walker's feet. Striding Edge still holds a steep bank of unavoidable snow on the final slope leading onto the plateau. Anyone travelling this route is advised to take particular care in this area as a slip could result in a long fall. Although it is only a small area, microspikes and/or walking poles/ice axe advised. Swirral Edge by contrast can be done without setting foot on snow but it should be noted that other similar routes may still hold unavoidable patches of snow to negotiate. Despite feeling springlike in the valleys, the 'feels like' or windchill temperature on the tops is still very cold (-5°C today). Warm and waterproof clothing including hats and gloves, map and compass, headtorch, survival blanket, and sufficient food and a hot drink are all recommended. Please be conservative with your plans and know both your limits and also when to turn back. Temperature: plus 1.4 C Maximum wind speed 21.3 mph Wind chill: minus 5.4 C Average wind speed: 14.1 mph

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